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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a fourteen-count Indictment¹ charging defendants Lukner Rene, Jonathan Moman, and Gregory Pitt, with conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery, interference with interstate commerce by robbery and aiding and abetting, and carrying and use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence and aiding and abetting. These charges arise out of the defendants' participation in seven armed robberies of Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, and Pizza Hut restaurants in Philadelphia and suburban communities between October 10, 2008 and October 18, 2008.

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. As an extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the United States Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies have established the *Hobbs Act Robbery Task Force* to investigate and prosecute organized gangs and groups committing commercial armed robberies in this district.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
LUKNER RENE	Philadelphia	1990
GREGORY PITT	Philadelphia	1987
JONATHAN MOMAN	Philadelphia	1990

The defendants each face a total maximum sentence of lifetime imprisonment, up to five years supervised release, a \$3,500,000 fine, and a \$1,400 special assessment.

 $^{^{\}rm l}$ An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department, Upper Darby Police Department, Lower Merion Police Department, and the Tredyffrin Township Police Department. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Salvatore L. Astolfi.

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